

## Proposed Bill No. 4

January Session, 2009

LCO No. 15

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement

Introduced by: SEN. CRISCO, 17th Dist.

## AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING FOR NURSES PURSUING ADVANCED DEGREES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the sum of \_\_\_\_ dollars be appropriated to the Department of
- 2 Higher Education, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending
- 3 June 30, 2010, for the purpose of increasing the allocation of funds
- 4 available to the nursing incentive program, established pursuant to
- 5 section 10a-19c of the general statutes, so as to permit greater
- 6 scholarship assistance to nurses who are pursuing advanced degrees in
- 7 order to qualify for positions as nursing educators at the state's
- 8 colleges and universities.

## Statement of Purpose:

To address the state's nursing shortage by increasing scholarship assistance to those nurses who pursue advanced degrees in order to qualify for nursing educator positions at the state's colleges and universities.